

Wirehaired Vizsla Health Survey

Results Executive Summary

This summary is based on 58 owner-submitted health surveys (29 dogs, 29 bitches), with 82% of owners reporting their dogs to be in **Excellent Health**. The overall data suggests a generally healthy population with targeted areas for continued monitoring and genetic testing.

Key Health Highlights and OFA/Genetic Testing

- **Overall Health:** 82% of responding owners rate their dog's health as "Excellent."
- **Hip Health (OFA):** 43% of dogs were tested. Of those tested, 84% received a rating of **Good (72%) or Excellent (12%)**. Only 8% were rated Mild, 4% Fair, and 4% Borderline.
- **Elbow Health (OFA):** 38% of dogs were tested. **96% of those reported Normal**, with only 4% diagnosed with Grade 3 Elbow Dysplasia.
- **Eye Health (OFA):** 28% of dogs were tested, with **100% reported Normal**.
- **Genetic Testing (HUU):** 47% of dogs were tested for Hyperuricosuria (HUU). **62% were clear**, while 38% were identified as carriers (HU/N).
- **Genetic Testing (ECLE):** 29% of dogs were tested for Early-onset. **94% were clear**, with 6% identified as carriers.

Reported Disorders and Concerns

While the majority of dogs were reported as healthy, a small percentage of owners reported specific conditions:

- **Behavioral/Temperament (9%):** The most frequently reported issues included **Reserved temperament (60%)** and **Resource Guarding (60%)**, followed by aggression toward household dogs (40%).
- **Allergies (9%):** This is the most common non-behavioral issue, with the majority being **Atopy (seasonal inhalant allergies) (60%)**, and the rest being dietary (40%) and topical/contact (40%).
- **Ear Disorders (7%):** Reported cases primarily involved **Chronic Ear Infections (50%)** and Ear Drum Rupture (25%).
- **Eye Issues (5%):** All reported cases were **Cherry Eye (100%)**.
- **Gastrointestinal (3%):** Reported issues were split between Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and Other.
- **Cardiovascular (3%):** Reported issues included Degenerative Valve Disease (50%) and Heart Murmur (50%).
- **Orthopedic (3%):** Reported cases were split evenly between Hip Dysplasia and Other.
- **Cancer (2%):** Only one case was reported, diagnosed as a **Mast Cell Tumor**.
- **Benign Lumps/Tumors (10%):** A significant number of owners reported benign lumps or tumors (categorized as Other).

Wirehaired Vizsla Health Survey Results - as of 11/10/2025

58 Surveys Submitted

- 29 Dogs
- 29 Bitches
- 51 Living
- 7 Deceased

82% Owner reported as in Excellent Health

43% with OFA Hip Exam

- 72% Good
- 12% Excellent
- 8% Mild
- 4% Fair
- 4% Borderline

28% with OFA Eye Exam - 100% reported Normal

38% with OFA Elbow Exam

- 96% of those reported Normal
- 4% Grade 3 Elbow Dysplasia

47% HUU Tested

- 62% of those clear
- 38% of those Carrier (HU/N)

29% ECLE Tested

- 94% of those clear
- 6% of those Carrier (1-2)

2% Reported Cancer - Mast Cell Tumor diagnosis

3% Reported GI Disorder

- 50% Other
- 50% Inflammatory Bowel Disease

3% Reported Cardiovascular Disorder

- 50% Degenerative Valve Disease
- 50% Heart Murmur

7% Reported Ear Disorder

- 50% Chronic Ear Infection
- 25% Other
- 25% Ear Drum Rupture

2% Reported Neuro/Muscular Disorder - reported as Other

2% Reported Skin/Nail/Pad Disorder - reported as Not Diagnosed

2% Reported Liver Disorder - Reported as Hepatitis

3% Reported Orthopedic Disorder

- 50% Other
- 50% Hip Dysplasia

2% Reported Kidney Disorder - reported as Other

3% Reported Urinary Tract Disorder

- 50% Chronic UTI
- 50% Other

2% Reported Dental Disorder - reported as Juvenile Other

9% Reported Allergies

- 60% Atopy - seasonal inhalant allergies
- 40% Dietary allergies
- 40% Topical/contact allergies

2% Reported Immune System Disorder - reported as Other

5% Reported Eye Issues

- 100% Cherry Eye

9% Reported Aggression/Temperament Issues

- 60% Reserved
- 60% Resource Guarding
- 40% Aggression to household dogs
- 20% Shyness
- 20% Other
- 20% Aggressive to people
- 20% Separation Anxiety

10% Reported Benign Lumps/Tumors - reported as Other

18% Reported as producing puppies - no congenital abnormalities

- 50% 10-20 Puppies
- 30% 4-10 Puppies
- 10% Over 30 Puppies
- 10% 20-30 Puppies